

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S IN THE MEADOWS

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme - 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Children who are seven years old or older (i.e. class 3 and above) can begin to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The preparation is led by Catechists of OL & St Patrick's Parish, supported by St Patrick's School.

This Sacramental Programme prepares your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) which will take place during Lent on **SATURDAY 10th March 2018** and First Holy Communion, which they will receive for the first time on **SUNDAY 13TH May of 2018**.

The key dates for the Programme have been specially selected so that there are no preparation sessions during any school holidays or Bank and Public Holidays. By scheduling the Programme this way, we hope it will not interfere with any vacation plans you may have. Following on from that, please ensure that you and your child attends ALL of the sessions at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church, in the meadows.

The children are to be at Church in plenty of time for the start of the 9.30 am Sunday Mass. Once Mass has finished you and your child will be invited to have a 10-minute break in the Parish Hall, prior to the start of the preparation class, which usually lasts around 40 minutes. We hope to finish no later than 11.40 am and would ask that each child is accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

The first meeting of the programme will take place at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church, Launder Street, The Meadows on **Sunday 14th January 2018** after the 9.30am Mass.

We look forward to seeing you there and if you have any queries, please feel free to approach myself, Maura Cotter or any of the catechists serving St Patrick's Church.

With every good wish and blessing to you and your families

Your Parish Catechists